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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA-CHILE RELATIONS: VISIT OF FONMIN CARVAJAL TO
BUENOS AIRES SEPTEMBER 1-3, 1976

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1. SUMMARY. CHILEAN FONMINISTER CARVAJAL'S VISIT TO BUENOS
AIRES SEPTEMBER 1-3 PRODUCED NOTHING STARTLING OR NEW, AND
ONLY AGREEMENT SIGNED CONCERNED MAINTENANCE OF BORDER ROADS.
IT WAS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT GOA AND GOC FOUND THEMSELVES IN
ACCORD ON THEIR VIEW OF WORLD AND APPRECIATION OF MOST OF
PROBLEMS FACING THEM. RELATIONS APPEAR TO BE CLOSER THAN
THEY HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS, AND PRESIDENT VIDELA ACCEPTED
INVITATION OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET TO VISIT CHILE IN NOVEMBER.
END SUMMARY.

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2. CHILEAN FONMINISTER ADMIRAL PATRICIO CARVAJAL ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 1 IN BUENOS AIRES FOR OFFICIAL VISIT, AND DEPARTED SEPTEMBER 3 AFTER BUSY SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPART ADMIRAL CESAR GUZZETTI, CALLS ON PRESIDENT CIDELA AND NAVY AND AIR FORCE MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE JUNTA, AND EXCHANGES OF DECORATIONS WHICH EXTENDED ALL THE WAY DOWN TO JUNIOR MEMBERS OF VISITING DELEGATION AND HOST FONMINISTRY. CARVAJAL WORE NAVAL UNIFORM DURING HIS VISIT, WHICH RECEIVED PROMINENT PLAY IN LOCAL PRESS.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 3 THE TWO MINISTERS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT GROWING OUT OF PREVIOUS ARGENTINE-CHILEAN TALKS ON MAINTENANCE OF ROADS CONNECTING THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER THE ANDES. THEY ALSO SIGNED A JOINT DECLARATION WHICH, IN BRIEF, COVERED:

A. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS - BILATERAL TRADE WILL BE STIMULATED AND CONVERSATIONS CONTINUED WITH AIM OF EVENTUAL SIGNING OF AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROMOTING THE CREATION OF MIXED ENTERPRISES, ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR, AND FREQUENT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

B. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION - BOTH COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT LATINAMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AND GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO LAFTA. (NOTE: NO MENTION OF ANDEAN PACT.)

C. BILATERAL INTEGRATION - BOTH WILL IMPROVE ROADS, COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INTERCHANGE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM.

D. NUCLEAR ENERGY - SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE WILL BE ACCELERATED AND, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN THE USE OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL BE ESTABLISHED

E. ANTARCTICA - REAFFIRMED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS ON PROTECTION OF THEIR RIGHTS IN ANTARCTICA AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EFFECTS OF EVENTUAL MINERAL EXPLOITATION IN AREAS THEY CLAIM.

F. POLITICAL PRINCIPLES - REITERATED SUPPORT FOR NONINTERVENTION, AUTO-DETERMINATION, RENUNCIATION OF FORCE AND RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

G. LAW OF SEA - SUPPORTED WORK OF CURRENT LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, REITERATING CLAIM OF 200 MILES "SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION" OF COASTAL STATES WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND REGIME APPLICABLE TO CONTINENTAL SHELF.
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H. TERRORISM - ENERGETICALLY CONDEMNED, AS "ACTIONS WHICH, DIRECTED BY INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION, TRY TO ALTER SPIRITUAL VALUES AND WAYS OF LIFE RESPECTFUL OF THE LAWS WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ADOPTED FOR THE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PEOPLES."

4. COMMUNIQUE CLOSED WITH STATEMENT THAT FONMINS HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND PLAN TO

CONTINUE DIALOGUE, COORDINATING POSITIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTERS HAD LAID GROUND-WORK FOR CONSULTATIONS OF CHILEAN ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTERS DE CASTRO AND CAUAS, WHO ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 6 IN BUENOS AIRES.

6. CARVAJAL HELD PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 3 IN CHILEAN EMBASSY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT PRESIDENT PINOCHET IN SANTIAGO IN NOVEMBER, AND THAT AGREEMENTS DEVELOPED AT CURRENT MEETING OF MINISTERS WOULD BE SIGNED AT THAT TIME. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST WERE COVERED:

A. BEAGLE CHANNEL - THERE WAS NO NEED TO DISCUSS QUESTION IN MEETINGS WITH GUZZETTI AS MATTER IS IN ARBITRATION AND FINDING EXPECTED SOON. "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE DEFINITIVE SOLUTION AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS."

B. CHILEAN SITUATION - HE CLAIMED GOC HAS RESTORED MORAL ORDER, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AFTER PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD IMPORTED DOCTRINES ALIEN TO CHILEAN PEOPLE. RECOVERY FROM ECONOMIC CHAOS IS "NOT BRILLIANT," BUT IS COMING ALONG.

C. POLITICAL PRISONERS - THESE MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRIED AND ARE SERVING SENTENCES IMPOSED BY JUSTICE. COMMUNIST LEADER LUIS CORVALAN IS STILL DETAINED, AND THERE IS NO INTENTION OF FREEING HIM IN NEAR FUTURE.

D. BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA - GOC MUST REACH ACCORD WITH PERU BEFORE EXCHANGES OF TERRITORY CAN TAKE PLACE, FOR WHICH PURPOSE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD, PROBABLY NEXT MONTH.

E. ANDEAN PACT - IT IS NOT TRUE THAT CHILE WILL QUIT PACT; BUT IT DOES WISH MODIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN "TOO RIGIT" ARTICLES OF PACT.

7. COMMENT. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH FONMINISTRY SOURCES, BUT IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT ARGENTINES CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUND VISIT AN ADVANTAGEOUS TO THEIR INTERESTS AS CARVAJAL DID TO CHILE'S. IN GEOPOLITICS OF SOUTHERN CONE IT IS AXIOM THAT ARGENTINA WILL SEEK AND WELCOME CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS IN EFFORT TO OFFSET INFLUENCE OF BRAZIL. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS TRADITION, HOWEVER, IS GROWING AWARENESS OF COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS WHICH INCREASINGLY SHARE SAME PERCEPTIONS OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARXIST THREAT, INTERNAL TERRORISM, AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES, COMMON VULNERABILITY TO CRITICISM OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, COMMITMENT TO SIMILAR ECONOMIC POLICIES, ETC. GOA HAS EVERY REASON TO WISH TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH CHILE, BRAZIL, AND SMALLER NEIGHBORS. VISIT BY VIDELA TO CHILE IN NOVEMBER WILL EFFECTIVELY REVERSE PREVIOUS GOA POLICY OF KEEPING SOMEWHAT ALOOF FROM THE GOC OF PINOCHET. A MUTUAL PROTECTION SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CONE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS IS PROBABLY

ATTRACTIVE TO GOA, AND IT IS LOGICAL THAT THE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE INTELLIGENCE/SECURITY FIELD SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ECONOMIC MATTERS AND INCREASINGLY INTO COORDINATED POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. INCREASING PACE OF INTERCHANGE OF OFFICIAL VISITS BY REGIONAL PRESIDENTS, FOMINISTERS AND ARMED FORCES CHIEFS WHICH WE ARE OBSERVING SHOULD REINFORCE THIS TENDENCY.

8. DEGREE TO WHICH REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO SUBMERGE OLD DIFFERENCES MAY BE REPRESENTED IN CARVAJAL'S COMMENT ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL ARBITRATION. HE AND THE GOC MAY BE PREPARED TO GULP AND ACCEPT WITHOUT PROTEST AN ADVERSE RULING ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE NEW WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH GOA. ON OTHER HAND, WHILE PROBABLY NOT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT, IT IS INTERESTING THAT CARVAJAL DID NOT GIVE THE ALMOST STANDARD ENDORSEMENT OF ARGENTINA'S CLAIM TO THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS ISLANDS AGAINST THE UK.
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